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A WORD FROM THE PRES

It doesn't seem like it's been such a long time since I got my first Atari computer. In those days the best games that I could get were warmed over translations of games from the text only TRS and Commodore computers. In the days since, I have watched the Atari go from an expensive game machine to a powerful and affordable personal computer.

In the days in between I have always been looking for other users of Atari computers, whether to trade information, programs, or just play a game. It was with this in mind that I formed HACC. Now Atari users will be able to meet other users and exchange the very things that I did long ago on a one to one basis, only now an extensive library of useful programs will be available at the unheard of price of - COST - and information will be in the form of discussions, this newsletter, and audio-visual presentations.

The days to come will witness the introduction of new computers such as the 600XL, 800XL, 1400XL, 1450XL, new peripherals such as the long awaited light pen, touch tablet, true trak-ball, a letter quality printer (not a discontinued one we hope), and many other devices. New games on the software front will be past and present arcade hits like Ms. Pac-Man, Battlezone, Pole Position, Donkey Kong, Vanguard, ET, Joust, Kangaroo, Robotron, and many others.

Atari computers have always been a device to enjoy using and HACC will be there to help you enjoy your computer more and to let you enjoy it with others.

President H.A.C.C.,
Brian Hall

"An Unconditional Jump"

A review by
Glenn Hall

Jumpman by EPYX

Atari 400/800/1200

32K/machine language

1 joystick required

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Rating -> #####

One rare and very good feature is scores being saved to disk. Here are some good and bad features: 30 levels gives you plenty to shoot for, 8 speeds are ok, but speeds 1 and 2 are too slow, 5 variations gives you the option to go only 8 levels or to the full 30. Upon reaching the top, you are rewarded with a brilliant display of fireworks. Movement is sometimes jerky, but tolerable. Mr. 'J' seems to hold on to almost anything with the assistance of jet-boosters and can jump quite far with them. While picking up bombs placed on girders, Mr. 'J' gets shot at, chased by robots, and even kept from seeing the surroundings until too late! Game play makes up for sagging graphics. This may be like the familiar arcade game Donkey Kong, but it puts more action into the game. And remember half of the fun of a game is discovering what you don't know. Have fun!

-> PLEXAR IS INVINCIBLE! <-

N.A.C.C. High Scores A list compiled by Brian Hall 86/29/1988

The information below is contained in the following order:

Game, Publisher, National high...

If you would like to see a game here that is not at the present, just let an officer know at a meeting.

Two things to keep in mind when suggesting a game are:

- 1- The most suitable games are those that have only one way to play them. Ex.- not Haycut with 20 different mazes.
- 2- No game should be considered that has a maximum possible score. Ex.- not Choplifter with a max. score of 64 possible.

CROSSFIRE, Sierra On-Line

1 - Brian Hall	53600
2 - Glenn Hall	12370
3 - ????	

PAC-MAN, Atari, 422860

1 - Glenn Hall	60800
2 - Brian Hall	59450
3 - ????	

FREPPIE, Adventure International, 27360

1 - Brian Hall	17260
2 - Glenn Hall	10350
3 - ????	

JANBREAKER, Sierra On-Line

1 - Brian Hall	27010
2 - Glenn Hall	17830
3 - ????	

APPLE PANIC, Broderbund

1 - Brian Hall	35550
2 - Glenn Hall	31730
3 - ????	

TUMBLEBUGS, Datasoft, 38705

1 - Brian Hall	4372
2 - Glenn Steele	4163
3 - Glenn Hall	3912

MINER 2049ER, Big Five, 213755

1 - Brian Hall	41165
2 - Glenn Steele	38545
3 - Glenn Hall	27480

NECROMANCER, Synapse

1 - Brian Hall	83487
2 - Terry Conklin	76952
3 - Glenn Hall	24826

THE TALKING COMPUTER
(a product review)
by Glen Steele

Now your Atari 400/800 can talk and it can do so without a lot of fancy hardware. There is a new product on the market called the SOFTWARE AUTOMATIC MOUTH, S.A.M. for short.

It is manufactured by Don't Ask Software and costs between \$40 - \$50. It comes on a diskette that requires a minimum of 32K RAM. It also comes with a well written instruction book that includes a 1500 word dictionary for use with its special phonetic spelling program that allows you to make S.A.M. pronounce every word almost perfectly. Included is a program that can read plain English, although it does pronounce some words imperfectly. As for the phonetic spelling program, it is easy to learn with the helpful reference card included with the instruction booklet. This program also allows the programmer to select from a wide variety of voices with its easy to use KNOBS programs. Among the parameters that the KNOBS programs allow you to change are: pitch, speed, throat size, and mouth size.

There is one drawback to the S.A.M. programs. It has to do with the screen blinking out when ever S.A.M. speaks. This is necessary for S.A.M. to speak correctly. S.A.M. can speak without turning off the screen when he speaks but his speech is distorted. Even with that one fault, this program makes up for it in its many uses. For one, its ability to be placed into many programs and used for voiced prompts and sound effects that would make any program more valuable and useful.

Next meeting will be 8/5/83

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